

Account of the Book, Entituled, *NOTITIA MONASTICA*

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Errors Corrected in the Mon. Angl.	Additions made to the Mon. Angl.	Errors corrected in Speed's Catal.	Defects in Speed supplied.
Bark-shire	4	8	4
Bedford-shire	1	8	2
Buckingham-shire	2	7	7
Cambridge-shire	1	8	4
Chester-shire	0	5	1
Cornwall	0	8	4
Cumberland	0	4	1
Derby-shire	1	10	6
Devon-shire	1	16	8
Dorset-shire	2	4	2
Durham	0	5	4
Essex	4	10	5
Gloucester-shire	2	6	2
Hamp-shire	1	4	1
Hereford-shire	0	4	4
Hertford-shire	2	9	2
Huntingdon-shire	0	0	2
Kent	1	16	4
Leicestershire	0	5	2
Leicester-shire	1	12	5
Lincoln-shire	3	19	14
Land. and Middlesex	0	9	5
Norfolk	4	30	13
Northampton-shire	1	13	7
Northumberland	2	3	2
Nottingham-shire	3	3	4
Oxford-shire	2	5	1
Rutland-shire	0	0	0
Shrop-shire	0	4	6
Stafford-shire	0	9	6
Somerset-shire	2	9	8
Suffolk	3	18	4
Surrey	0	3	2
Sussex	2	9	3
Warwick-shire	0	3	4
Wilt-shire	2	11	8
Worcester-shire	0	6	5
Wick-shire	2	20	11
Wales	3	31	6
In all	52	243	179
			57
			821

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